

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

entitled: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING WELDING CONSUMABLES**

(a) X is attached hereto.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. 0 / \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).

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(d) X no such applications have been filed.

(e) \_\_\_\_\_ such applications have been filed as follows.

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